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PCT/NL 00/00225

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

MEDLINE, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS, SCISEARCH

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	PFISTER E.A.: "IDENTIFICATION AND SYNTHESIS OF CHEMOTACTIC TRIPEPTIDES FROM ALKALI-DEGRADED WHOLE CORNEA A STUDY OF N-ACETYL-PROLINE-GLYCINE- PROLINE AND N-METHYL-PROLINE-GLYCINE-PROLINE" INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCE (1995 JUN) 36 (7) 1306-16, XP000867490 Het gehele document; zie i.h.b. Table 3	1-13, 15-21
X	LASKIN D L ET AL.: "CHEMOTACTIC ACTIVITY OF COLLAGEN-LIKE POLYPEPTIDES FOR HUMAN PERIPHERAL BLOOD NEUTROPHILS" JOURNAL OF LEUKOCYTE BIOLOGY (1986 MAR) 39 (3) 255-66, XP000867486 the whole document	1-4, 10-13, 19-21
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A	PFISTER R R ET AL.: "INJECTION OF CHEMOATTRACTANTS INTO NORMAL CORNEA A MODEL OF INFLAMMATION AFTER ALKALI INJURY" INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCE (1998 AUG) 39 (9) 1744-50, XP000867482 the whole document ----	
A	PFISTER R R ET AL.: "A NEUTROPHIL CHEMOATTRACTANT IS RELEASED FROM CELLULAR AND EXTRACELLULAR COMPONENTS OF THE ALKALI-DEGRADED CORNEA AND BLOOD" INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCE (1996 JAN) 37 (1) 230-7, XP000867484 the whole document ----	
A	J.E.BLALOCK : "Genetic origins of protein shape and inteaction rules" NATURE MEDICINE., vol. 1, 1995, pages 876-878, XP002141743 NATURE PUBLISHING, CO., US ISSN: 1078-8956 cited in the application the whole document ----	
P,X	HADDOX J L ET AL.: "BIOACTIVITY OF PEPTIDE ANALOGS OF THE NEUTROPHIL CHEMOATTRACTANT N-ACETYL-PROLINE-GLYCINE-PROLINE" INVESTIGATIVE OPHTHALMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCE (1999 SEP) 40 (10) 2427-9, XP000867492 the whole document -----	1-13, 15-21

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Claims Nos.: 1-4,10-14,19-21(partieel)

Present claims 1 and 10 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely a minimum value of their competitive capacity in a complex forming reaction. Any structural definition is lacking. This is also true for the dependent claims, referring to a peptide, peptidomimetics and antibodies. The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the compounds disclosed in the application and to the concept underlying the application.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.